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Sir:

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by Applicant. A copy of each document is enclosed.

The cited applications are currently owned by Dietrich Industries, Inc., the assignee of the subject application. The status of each of the pending applications is as follows:

1. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/325,570, filed December 20, 2002 (Publication No. US-2003-0089053-A1 - Publication Date - 05/15/2003) remains pending and has not been acted upon.
2. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/940,051, filed August 27, 2001 (Publication No. US-2003-0037494-A1 - Publication Date - 02/27/2003) has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid. Applicant filed a Petition to Withdraw from Issue - to file a Request For Consideration to have an Information Disclosure Statement considered on September 4, 2003.
3. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/383,047, filed March 6, 2003 has not been published or acted upon.
4. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/641,062, filed August 14, 2003 has not been published or acted upon.
5. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/959,036 is the US national application of PCT/US00/11991. That application has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid. On September 4, 2003, Applicant filed a Petition to Withdraw from Issue - to file a Request For Consideration to have an Information Disclosure Statement considered in connection with that application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), a check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 11-1110 for any fee deficiencies associated with this Information Disclosure Statement.

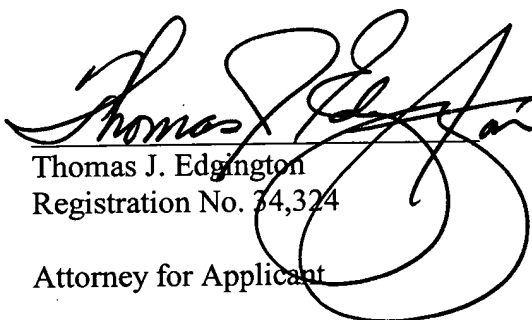
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the disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, as revised effective March 16, 1992, inasmuch as under the revised rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 there is no requirement for Applicant to explain the relevance of the references cited in an Information Disclosure Statement unless those references are not in the English language.

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Respectfully submitted,



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